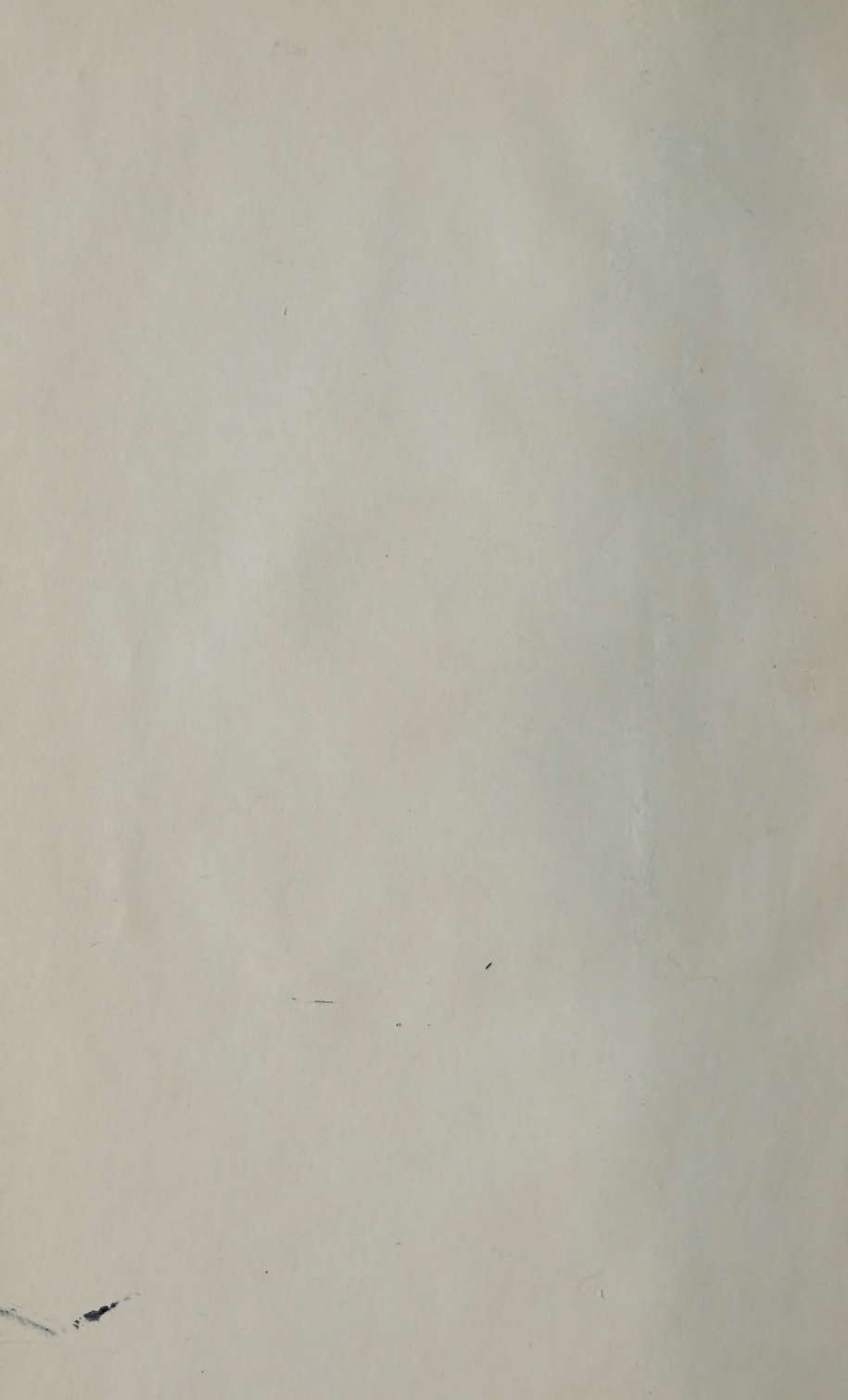


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ANNUAL REPORTS
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PETERBORO, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1877. - 78

PETERBORO':
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1877.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, W. G. Livingston, E. Howe,
O. A. Willey.

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

Miss H. A. Robbe, who taught this school so successfully last year, was very wisely employed at the beginning of this. She has conducted the school through the year, though the last term under another name. She is one of our most conscientious and successful teachers. Her manners in the school room are prepossessing, her discipline is excellent, her instruction very thorough and systematic. We could wish she might yet do a long service here, and would earnestly recommend her re-engagement for the coming year.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Teacher, summer and fall terms, Mrs. Maria Robbe. This department, under the care of Mrs. Robbe, was as successful as in past years. This teacher, after a long service in our schools, retires with the respect and esteem of a large number of the parents of the district, and greatly beloved by a large number of pupils.

Teacher, winter term, Mrs. Melissa M. Joslin. The district were very fortunate in securing the services

of so efficient and experienced a teacher to take the place of Mrs. Robbe. Mrs. Joslin brought the experience acquired by instructing nearly forty terms to this school, and her success proves her a teacher of the first order. The school was under good discipline, and the examination showed that excellent progress had been made by the scholars.

THIRD DEPARTMENT.

This department has been for the past year under the instruction of Miss Fannie S. Washburn. A devoted mother could hardly take more careful charge of this numerous family. It is pleasant to go to this school room and see so many children well cared for, well disciplined, well instructed and happy. They love their teacher, and it is difficult not to believe that their teacher loves them.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, John Cragin.

Two terms in this district. Miss Julia M. Buckminster was employed the first. Miss B. is a good scholar and an energetic teacher. She is wide awake herself, and keeps her scholars so. Her labors showed excellent results, and were received with very general satisfaction. Miss Buckminster would have been employed the second term but for a previous engagement with Miss Ellen M. Nahor, who had taught in this district for several terms. Miss Nahor labors very hard, and is much beloved by her pupils. At her closing examination, however, her classes did not exhibit that degree of thoroughness we could wish. We suspect Miss N. is one of those teachers who do too much rather than too little ; that she allows her schol-

ars to lean on her rather than requires them to rely on their own strength.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Franklin Field.

Teacher, summer term, Miss Hattie L. Pettengill. Miss Pettengill is an excellent scholar, and though her first term in teaching, she succeeded to the satisfaction of the committee and the district.

Winter term. Teacher, Forest G. Field. Had Mr. Field been fresh in his studies and more familiar with some of the text books, the school would have done more in the fifteen weeks of its session. As it was, it appeared well at the examination and showed that the scholars had made commendable progress.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, J. Q. Adams.

Two terms—one of eight and the other of nine weeks—in this district ; just about half enough. The first term of this school was placed in charge of Miss Georgie A. Lynch, who did excellent service. Miss Lynch is quiet—too quiet in her manners—but possesses a will of her own which scholars are likely to respect. She is an excellent scholar, and successful as an instructor.

Miss Lynch being called to assist in the high school, the school was placed for the second term under Miss Hattie L. Pettengill. Miss Pettengill graduated with high rank from our high school a year ago, and though very young, shows marked ability as a teacher. We commend her to prudential committees, in the hope that she will not be allowed to go to another town for employment.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, John D. Diamond.

Teacher, summer and fall terms, Miss Florence A. Baldwin. Though without experience as a teacher, Miss Baldwin succeeded admirably in her care of this school. She has some elements of character that will make her a most successful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, John E. May.

Teacher, summer term, Miss Ellen M. Nahor. The summer term passed along as pleasantly and successfully as most of Miss Nahor's schools do.

Winter term. Teacher, Charles A. Fosdick. Having taught this school the previous winter, Mr. Fosdick was well acquainted with its wants. He succeeded, as he did the first term, but there was a want of co-operation on the part of some of the parents in the government of the school, that interfered much with its highest success.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, G. W. Ames.

There have been two terms in this district this year. Miss Mary E. Buckminster undertook the first and achieved results which should have warranted her continuance another term at least. At her final examination, her scholars had evidently been prepared for no special exhibition, but showed careful and thorough training, such as Miss B. will be likely to give wherever she is employed.

The second term the school was under the charge of Miss E. L. Fairbanks, a teacher of considerable experience, and who succeeded very well.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, Joel Hadley.

A school of four scholars can hardly be interesting, and a teacher at four dollars a month ought not to be expected to succeed very well. For two terms, however, Miss Mary Parker interested her scholars, and labored as conscientiously as she would have done had her pay been respectable. We trust she may realize the promise made to the faithful "over few things" and have "many" by and by.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, J. C. Swallow.

There have been three terms of school in this district the past year, all under the instruction of Miss Abbie C. Robbe. Miss Robbe has had a long experience as an instructor, which she has made profitable to herself as well as to others. She has improved from term to term. Not satisfied with being a good teacher, she aims to be better, and aspires to be best. This district was fortunate in securing her, and wise in retaining her.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, Willard Carey.

This district had but one term, during the winter, under the instruction of Miss Edna M. Barber of this town. The school was quite small, but the classes were numerous. The teacher applied herself faithfully to her work and the improvement was marked.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee, Joshua Richardson.

Teacher, summer term, Miss Minnie S. Knight.

This, her first term, and a want of familiarity with some of the studies prevented the greatest success of this school.

Teacher, fall term, Miss M. M. French. Laboring under the same difficulties as the previous, Miss French did not succeed in imparting that knowledge she might have done to her scholars. She has energy and ability, with study and experience, to make a good teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has continued to be a success under the efficient and scholarly care of Mr. L. C. Cornish, its esteemed principal. Miss Georgie Lynch, a graduate of the high school and an excellent scholar, has been the assistant the past two terms, succeeding Miss Mary N. Thompson, who retired at the close of the summer term, after being connected for a long time with the school, and who had proved herself an efficient and successful teacher. Miss Lynch succeeded to the satisfaction of the committee in her charge of her classes.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The reports of the different schools herewith presented, have generally a favorable look, and some on reading them may conclude that either the committee are too easily satisfied, or that they are "unjustly generous." It may be well to remark that in our reports we do not judge of schools by any ideal standard, but only—we mean no offence—by the standard of Peterboro'. Often where we report favorably we are not well pleased, but only relatively satisfied.

Given a teacher of thorough training and special aptitude for the work, such as we might have, were sufficient means provided, and set to work under anything like favorable circumstances, and we should hold her to high results, and report her unfavorably if she did not produce them. Given, however, a teacher without thorough training, with no special aptitude for the work, such as several of our districts can only afford, and set to work under anything but favorable circumstances, and if she accomplished a little we are constrained to say "*very well*." Justice to her seems to require that we judge her by an easy standard.

This explanation we would not say applies to all our reports. A few of our districts are in a condition to demand, not the best indeed, but very tolerable work. But many of them are not. The condition of having any school at all is that they shall be content with a poor one. They must from the smallness of their resources employ teachers of no experience, or who have no market value; and even then the amount of schooling must needs be very small,—sixteen or seventeen weeks being, on the average, all they can afford.

Before there can be any very high standard in these schools, it is obvious that there must be a change in these respects; we must be enabled to put the scholars under better teachers, and for longer terms. In two or three instances the consolidation of these districts with larger adjacent ones, would practically meet this difficulty. A few of the scholars would in that case have far to travel, but the extra advantages would more than compensate them for it. The same result might in a measure be reached also through the abolition of the district system and the adoption

of the *town* system in its stead ; that is, reducing the whole town to one district, and making the money raised for schools not district money, but town money. The logical result of this would be a more equitable distribution of the money. All the schools in this one district would then be of the same length. This, while lengthening the schools in other parts of the town would shorten them somewhat in the villages, though not as much as might at first be supposed. The discontinuance of two or three of our schools, say those in Districts Nos. 8 and 10, where there are only four scholars each, and little prospect of increase, together with the winter term of the primary school in No. 1, which would be attended by no very great loss to the children, would make a possible average amount of schooling not very far below that enjoyed in the villages already. If any demur at this proposition on the ground that it might make the village schools shorter, let us ask what principle of fairness is involved when the town, which should be the guardian of the educational interests of all the children within her limits, gives to Mr. A.'s children in District No. 1, thirty weeks a year of good school, and to Mr. B.'s children in No. 6, only fifteen weeks of relatively poor school ?

There is a third remedy for the difficulty, which, under the circumstances seems to us most feasible of all, and that is more money. Were it not that we fear we might be sent to the insane asylum, we should propose at the town meeting the raising of two or three hundred dollars to be distributed among four or five of our poorer districts, say, 3, 4, 7 and 11. We hardly suspect that any of these suggestions will meet with immediate favor ; but until some of them

are adopted and the way thus provided for securing better teachers, and more schooling in these districts, your committee will have to adopt a low standard of requirements and present reports which are false to their ideal.

But even in the face of this difficulty much might be done for the improvement of our schools. Perhaps we are hardly deserving of larger resources until we make a better use of what we already have. Given the most ample means, we shall hardly make any approach towards the ideal standard until we make our schools an object of livelier interest. It is painful to observe the prevailing lethargy in this direction. A large per cent. of our small means is wasted, yes, *wasted*, through the indifference of fathers and mothers. Make the most possible of what we have said of the inefficiency of teachers, they are yet better than is the prevailing tone of many of the districts that employ them. As a rule they are far more interested to instruct the children well than are the fathers and mothers that they shall be well instructed. Where such is the case the best teachers can produce no very high results. A little active interest on the part of the parents — how much it means to the children. Where the father ponders the arithmetic with his son, and the mother discusses grammar with her daughter; where the child must needs undergo a frequent home examination in his geography, and is required from time to time to exhibit his attainments in reading and spelling; where the children know that at any time their parents may come into the school room to listen to their recitations and note their behavior, and are certain to see them listening with eager ears on examination day,

what stimulus is imparted. And it is of just the lack of this that we here complain. How few parents take a home interest in the studies of their children. How few are seen in the school room during term time. And in this respect we must say that the fathers are especially derelict. On examination day we can usually count on the presence of a few of the mothers, but very rarely do we see a father. The explanation sometimes given for this is that the fathers are too busy; that their farms, or wood, or stock, make their presence needful elsewhere. Yet we observe that if there is a horse race in Greenfield, or a poultry show in Jaffrey, they can leave their farm, or wood, or stock, and give up the whole day in attendance. People less generous in their judgments than your committee will infer that such fathers are more interested in horse races and poultry shows than in the education of their sons and daughters.

Parents should put themselves in such relations to the school as to be able to judge of themselves as to its methods and its discipline; and they cannot do this save by frequent visits to it. And how much trouble and serious embarrassment to the school were spared would they adopt this rule of conduct. Several cases have come to our notice during the past year. A teacher is accused of incompetence; she cannot "*do the sums.*" (We should say, *solve the problems.*) She is too severe in discipline; she is partial; she permits such a one's boy to leave off at the head oftener than he is entitled to; she does not give my boy as high a mark as he earns. Just such cases as these have come to us, and we have uniformly found them like soap-bubbles, having a very considerable outside but no middle. Serious injury is

often done to the school through parents taking such reports from their children, (who always tell the truth,) and making the most of them. In other words through their plainly culpable ignorance.

This more active interest for which we plead would manifest itself in yet other ways. It would lead parents to look to their school houses, to see if something cannot be done to make them more comfortable, or more seemly. In some cases a trifling outlay of money or a small contribution of work would give an appearance of comfort and good taste, where there is now an apparent want of these. It would show itself farther, we think, by providing some facilities for instruction. A dictionary should be on every teacher's table ; a globe is very valuable ; wall maps should be considered indispensable. No considerable expense need be incurred in securing all these.

But more than in any other relation this interest would bless our schools in insuring a more regular and more punctual attendance. Perhaps we encounter no difficulty more serious than non-regularity and non-punctuality on the part of the pupils. The convenience of having the son on the farm and the daughter in the kitchen, makes them often tardy and keeps them many days away. Where such is the case, and it often is, not only does the pupil lose the benefit of the instruction he would receive, but his interest is weakened and he is made a weight and drawback to the school. No school can ever achieve any high degree of prosperity where there is any considerable irregularity of attendance.

Fathers and mothers, we hold these matters up to you in the earnest hope that you will heed them. More money we imperatively need, but until it is

forthcoming let us make a better use of what we have. Where the resources are so small, surely we cannot afford to waste any. The prosperity of your schools, if you will only think so, is largely, very largely, in your keeping; and though they are necessarily short and the teachers cannot be always such as you would desire, yet through your active, painstaking and self-sacrificing interest, they may be made a blessing to your children, such as they are not now.

GEO. DUSTAN,	}	SUPERINTENDING AND HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
A. W. JACKSON,		
W. D. CHASE,		

TABULAR VIEW OF SUMMER AND FALL SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.	Miss H. A. Robbe.
2	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.	Miss H. M. Chase.
3	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.
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11	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.
Length of school in weeks.	10 3/4	10 4/6	10 4/6	10 4/6	10 4/6	10 4/6	10 4/6	10 4/6	10 4/6	10 4/6	10 4/6
Number of scholars.	32	40	43	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Average attendance.	32	40	43	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Pupils in Reading.	34	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Spelling.	34	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Penmanship.	19	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Arithmetic.	20	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Grammar.	20	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Geography.	19	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Composition.	19	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
History.	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Book-Keeping.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Studies.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Visits by S. S. Committee.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Visits by Prudential Committee.	338	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	116
Visits by Others.	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Wages of teachers per month.	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00	\$32 00

*The dashes in this column indicate fractions.

TABULAR VIEW OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.														
1	1	Mrs. H. A. Robbe Pierce.....	11	48	42	48	48	24	48	30	30	19	4	7	24	\$36 00
2	2	Mrs. M. M. Joslin.....	11	49	43	49	49	48	46	46	46	19	4	7	69	36 00
3	3	Miss Fannie S. Washburn.....	11	38	28	38	38	5	17	12	8	3	2	2	223	28 00
4	4	Miss Ellen M. Nahor.....	12	18	12	18	18	17	7	12	8	3	1	1	18	26 00
5	5	Mr. Forest G. Field.....	15	14	12	13	14	10	11	5	9	3	1	1	16	20 00
6	6	Miss Hattie L. Pettengill.....	9	14	11	14	14	10	11	1	6	3	2	2	11	22 00
7	7	Miss Florence A. Baldwin.....	8	15	11	15	15	9	11	1	6	3	2	2	11	22 00
8	8	Mr. Charles A. Fosdick.....	8	34	24	34	34	10	31	8	7	5	2	2	11	30 00
9	9	Miss E. L. Fairbanks.....	10	18	15	17	17	9	12	6	7	2	2	2	226	23 00
10	10	Miss Mary E. Parker.....	9	4	4	4	4	3	3	1	3	3	2	2	216	18 00
11	11	Miss Abbie C. Robbe.....	11	40	34	39	39	26	32	18	24	20	4	2	243	32 00
		Miss Edna M. Barber.....	12	8	3	8	8	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	116	16 00
		Miss Minnie M. French.....	6	8	7	8	8	5	5	5	5	3	2	2	20	17 00
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

High School in account with the Town of Peterboro',
March 1, 1877.

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To money on hand March 1, 1876,	\$ 438 79
Money received of town,	1250 00
Received for tuition,	68 00
Received for diplomas,	7 00
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	\$1763 79

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By salary paid Principal,	\$950 00
Salary paid Assistants,	168 00
Rent of Academy,	400 00
Fuel and care of Academy,	65 34
Incidentals,	15 90
Printer's bill,	9 00
Books for teachers,	2 25
Money on hand,	453 30
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	\$1763 79

GEO. DUSTAN, for the Committee.

TOWN LIBRARY REPORT.

Books reported last year,	3732
Books purchased,	101
Presented by Dr. Albert Smith, Peterborough History,	1
“ “ Nathaniel Holmes, Authorship of Shakespeare,	1
“ “ State, Geology of New Hampshire,	1
“ “ State, Reports,	3
“ “ Publisher, History of Public Libraries,	1
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	3840
Worn out.	12
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	3828

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$68 86
Appropriation for 1875,	75 00
Received from Selectmen for repairs of books,	40 17
Appropriation for 1876,	75 00
Fines,	16 35
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	\$275 38

EXPENDITURES.

For books,	\$188 75
Repair of books,	40 17
Travel,	5 00
Express,	2 20
Packing box,	20
Fuel, light, stationery, &c.,	4 04
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	\$240 36
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Balance,	\$35 02

GEO. DUSTAN, }
A. W. JACKSON, } Library Committee.
F. G. CLARK, }

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

RENDERED MARCH 1, 1877.

Money in treasurer's hands, March 1, 1876,	\$ 3669 45
Amount of tax list put in treasurer's hands, May 1,	17259 83
F. H. Coffin's note,	74 45
F. H. Coffin, for rent,	56 25
Rent, of Smith Brothers,	500 00
Savings Bank tax, returned from State,	3476 94
Railroad tax,	20 10
Literary fund,	222 30
Insurance tax,	112 50
Upper hall,	52 00
Town hall,	52 00
As per collector's report,	2976 27
J. H. Steele, sale of cemetery lots,	75 50
John R. Miller, for rent,	225 00
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	\$28852 59

HIGH SCHOOL.

George Dustan,	\$1250 00
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SCHOOLS.

Joel Hadley, No. 8,	\$ 25 00
John D. Diamond, No. 5,	33 00
Joshua Richardson, No. 11,	32 00
John Cragin, No. 2,	72 00
Andrew Stone, Hancock, No. 7,	3 45
George W. Ames, No. 7,	60 00
Wm. G. Livingston, No. 1,	240 00
John C. Swallow, No. 9,	63 00
John Q. Adams, No. 4,	40 00
Franklin Field, No. 3,	50 00
Joel Hadley, No. 8,	46 69
John C. Swallow, No. 9,	63 00
George W. Ames, No. 7,	63 31
John E. May, No. 6,	50 00
William G. Livingston, No. 1,	235 00
John D. Diamond, No. 5,	45 15

Joshua Richardson, No. 11,	37 79
Franklin Field, No. 3,	89 99
John Q. Adams, No. 4,	43 87
John E. May, No. 6,	74 90
John C. Swallow, No. 9,	121 79
John Cragin, No. 2,	90 95
William G. Livingston, No. 1,	430 51
Willard Carey,	50 20

 \$2061 00

LIBRARY.

George Dustan,	\$ 75 00
Georgie A. Lynch,	100 00
A. W. Jackson,	115 17
F. H. Coffin,	8 50
Scott & Clark, insurance,	15 00
Augustus Fuller,	21 42

 \$335 09

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Farnum & Scott,	\$71 50
John H. Steele,	12 76

 \$84 26

HIGHWAYS.

Wm. G. Livingston,	\$ 1 62	Cyrus Blanchard,	\$ 35 00
Sampson Washburn,	7 74	John C. Swallow,	6 50
Sampson Washburn,	2 00	John H. Vose,	9 50
Ira A. Spofford,	24 00	Townsend & Lovejoy,	136 75
Benj. F. Smiley,	7 10	Jackson Clement,	22 75
C. H. Brooks,	50 00	Stephen D. Robbe,	51 12
Lyman A. Hall,	8 00	Wm. L. Baldwin,	7 50
Ira A. Spofford,	50 00	Joel Brackett,	10 88
Albert O. Smith,	37 00	C. H. Brooks,	100 00
George W. Ames,	44 15	George W. Ames,	23 75
Wm. S. Treadwell,	35 00	F. A. Tarbell,	12 00
Franklin Field,	93 71	Albert O. Smith,	10 55
Charles F. Bruce,	38 00	Cyrus Blanchard,	25 00
Charles F. Bruce,	18 00	B. F. Bailey & Son,	184 65
Daniel Edes,	26 65	Charles F. Bruce,	21 71
Charles P. Varnum,	41 50	George W. Ames,	40 50
John O. Nay,	39 88	S. W. Vose,	20 76
A. M. Kimball,	8 60	John D. Diamond,	4 00
Ira A. Spofford,	10 00	J. E. Spalding,	3 75
F. A. Tarbell,	18 50	Franklin Field,	13 66
C. H. Brooks,	100 00	Isaac Hadley,	4 80
A. Fuller,	23 00	Wm. S. Treadwell,	4 50
Wm. L. Baldwin,	38 90	John Cragin,	24 65
C. R. Richardson,	54 23	Ira A. Spofford,	39 45
Bachelor & Eaton,	350 10	Henry Field,	3 75
George W. Ames,	26 13	Joshua Richardson,	23 50
John H. Vose,	8 50	A. Fuller,	10 12
Charles Tarbell,	45 00	G. W. Farrar,	28 05
John Cragin,	200 00	John O. Nay,	1 50
B. F. Bailey & Son,	120 50	H. K. French,	5 38
B. Hamill,	18 00		
Dalphon Osborn,	2 00		
Wm. S. Treadwell,	5 00		

 \$2438 79

BRIDGES.

Wm. Towns,	\$ 45 00	William Dormán,	\$27 00
B. F. Bailey & Son,	11 96	Walter Heald,	8 00
Charles Wilder,	102 76	C. F. Bruce,	5 62
B. F. Bailey & Son,	44 00	John A. Upton,	53 00
John M. Mears,	6 00	Patrick McLaughlin,	5 25
John Q. Adams,	10 02	John Cragin,	4 63
John Cragin,	40 00	Wm. D. Goss,	7 65
Barker Bros.,	67 58	Joshua Stevens,	3 75
Townsend & Lovejoy,	9 37	B. F. Bailey & Son,	23 50
A. Z. Fuller,	3 75	Charles Wilder,	3 49
Wm. L. Baldwin,	8 90	Mrs. E. A. Robbe,	12 20
Thomas Murray,	15 00	C. H. Brooks,	15 15
Joel Ballou,	16 50	C. E. Jaquith,	1 20
Ira A. Spofford,	98 75		
J. W. Macomber,	6 42		\$656 45

SNOW BILLS.

John J. Barker,	\$ 8 25	Franklin Field,	\$11 92
Jones N. Dodge,	6 80	Benjamin Crosby,	23 08
A. M. Kimball,	3 90	Horace Evans,	3 00
Wm. S. Treadwell,	5 00	B. Hamill,	5 10
W. L. Baldwin,	8 00	Hiram McCoy,	3 00
Charles Varnum,	7 00	John Cragin,	7 00
Charles F. Bruce,	2 88	Nath. Morrison,	1 00
John D. Diamond,	1 00	Daniel Edes,	3 60
Geo. W. Ames,	16 80		
George Shedd,	2 40		\$126 73
Lyman A. Hall,	7 00		

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Jerry Regan,	\$ 3 00
G. P. Felt,	283 50
J. F. Noone,	25 30
Whiting & Bird,	4 00
E. A. Robbins,	26 42
J. F. Noone,	19 20
Hunneman & Co.,	84 90
Aquarius Engine Company,	178 35
Deluge Engine Company,	83 31
Samuel Hadley,	3 20
John R. Miller,	8 89
	\$720 07

SMALL POX AND PEST HOUSE.

Dr. Henry H. Smith,	\$ 4 00
Dr. J. H. Cutler,	30 00
Justus Fisher,	13 00
L. Robbins,	6 00
C. E. Jaquith,	134 71
A. Fuller,	60 00
Townsend & Lovejoy,	40 40
C. H. Brooks,	4 50
	\$292 61

HISTORY OF PETERBORO'.

Dr. Albert Smith,	\$336 00
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BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

M. A. Kimball,	\$3 75	
W. D. Chase,	9 75	
John H. Cutler,	7 75	
	<hr/>	\$21 25

PUTNAM PARK.

C. E. Jaquith,	\$2 75	
Joel Ballou,	6 00	
C. E. Jaquith,	7 72	
	<hr/>	\$16 47

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Frank Conda,	\$7 00
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STREET LAMPS.

O. A. Willey,	\$282 23	
A. Fuller,	35 45	
	<hr/>	\$317 68

TOWN HOUSE.

C. E. Jaquith,	\$19 93	
Scott & Clarke, insurance,	67 50	
D. M. White, insurance,	13 50	
George W. Marden,	13 67	
Augustus Fuller,	5 40	
Jesse Martin,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$125 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

George Dustan, Superintending School Committee,	\$60 00	
James Scott, auditor, 1876,	5 00	
William G. Livingston, auditor, 1874-5-6,	15 00	
M. L. Morrison, auditor, 1876,	5 00	
John Q. Adams, services as selectman,	36 50	
William Moore, services as selectman,	47 00	
C. H. Brooks, services as selectman,	125 25	
A. Fuller, services as selectman,	133 75	
Samuel N. Porter, treasurer,	100 00	
J. H. Steele, town clerk,	54 71	
E. O. Stone, police,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$607 21

POOR AND POOR FARM.

Augustus Fuller,	\$375 00
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INCIDENTALS.

Franklin Field,	\$ 6 00
Albert Frost, services as sexton,	105 25
O. A. Willey, cemetery,	52 02
Albert C. Frost, watering trough,	3 00
Mrs. John W. Holt, " "	3 00
Unitarian Society, use of bell,	15 00
C. H. Brooks, for lobby,	5 00
C. E. Jaquith, for lobby,	52 76
David Smiley, care of town clock,	30 00

\$272 03

RECAPITULATION.

High School,	\$1250 00
District schools,	2061 00
Town Library,	335 09
Stationery and printing,	84 26
Highways,	2438 79
Bridges,	556 45
Snow bills,	126 73
Fire department,	720 07
Small pox and pest house.	292 61
History of Peterborough,	336 00
Returning births and deaths,	21 25
Putnam Park,	16 47
Sheep killed by dogs,	7 00
Street lamps,	317 68
Town house,	125 00
Town officers,	607 21
Poor farm,	375 00
Incidentals,	272 03

\$10042 64

ABATEMENTS.

Granville McCoy,	\$ 3 00
Mrs. William McCoy,	30 89
E. B. Kimball,	3 00
John Wilder,	3 00
Mrs. Milton Carter,	3 00
Cyrus Hayward,	1 36
Frank E. Bailey,	1 00
Dalphon Osborn,	3 00
Jane and David Steele,	4 00
Martin White,	1 00
Ira Forbush,	1 36
Asa F. Gowing—estate,	23 27
Peterboro' Savings Bank,	2 75
Dennis O. Keefe,	1 75
Haskin's Heirs,	1873, 5 25
" "	1870, 2 85
" "	1871, 2 59
" "	1872, 2 80
" "	1873, 2 38
" "	1874, 2 34
" "	1875, 3 91
Patrick O'Keefe,	1873, 7 50
Jeremiah Regan,	" 13 13
John T. Spofford—estate,	" 11 18
John T. Spofford—estate,	1874, 1 49
Hezekiah Abbott,	" 1 49
Bartholomew Butterly,	1 49

Francisco Detoni,		\$1 49
Thomas Murray,		2 49
James McDonald,		1 49
James E. Needham,		1 49
James F. Richardson,		1 49
Stephen Richardson,		3 49
Thomas Siddle,		1 49
James F. Wilkins,		1 49
Willis H. Winn,		1 49
Simeon A. Piper,		1 49
Bartholomew Butterly,	1875,	1 46
Calvin Bailey,		1 46
George A. Fletcher,		1 46
Thomas Siddle,		1 46
Isaac F. Walker,		1 46
Widow Lydia Bullard,		4 38
Thomas Follansbee,		4 63
James F. Wilkins,		2 13
Peter Glanda,	1876,	1 36
Simon Todd,	"	1 36
James F. Wilkins,		1 36
Mrs. Millie Chandler,		5 44
Fife Girls,		4 76
Mrs. Mary A. Howe,		3 40
Peterboro' Town Farm,		52 14
Hepsey Percival,		2 72
Edward Gilligan,		3 49
Patrick Welch,		1 00
Barker Brothers,		17 02
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		\$273 76

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1877.

Old town bonds,	\$35000 00
Interest on the same,	350 00
Railroad bonds,	27900 00
Interest on the same,	697 50
J. Clement's salary,	375 00
Outstanding coupons,	544 00
Superintending School Committee,	60 00
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\$64926 50	

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes,	\$ 1853 23
Dog tax,	76 00
Money in treasury,	5529 68
United States bounties,	1178 34
Town house,	16000 00
Town farm,	3600 00
Stock on the farm,	1245 00
Due from Gilman May,	43 00
Execution against the First National Bank,	52 77
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\$29578 02	
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Balance against the town,	\$35348 48

AUGUSTUS FULLER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHARLES H. BROOKS,	
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	<i>Peterboro'.</i>

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL N. PORTER, Treasurer, in account with the town
of Peterboro'.

DR.

Received balance from 1876,	\$3669 45
From collector,	2976 27
From selectmen,	959 70
Savings bank tax,	3476 94
Railroad tax,	20 10
Insurance tax,	112 50
Literary fund,	222 30
Tax list for 1876,	17165 83
Dog tax for 1876,	94 00
Interest on deposits to March 1, 1877,	80 00
Sale of cemetery lots,	75 50
	<hr/> \$28852 59

CR.

By paid State tax,	\$3784 00
County tax,	2144 59
Orders of selectmen,	10042 64
Interest coupons,	3801 00
Discount on taxes collected at 7 per cent.,	854 10
Discount on taxes collected at 5 per cent.,	121 14
Discount on taxes abated at 7 per cent.,	17 44
Dog tax abated,	1 00
Taxes uncollected Nov. 2, 1876,	2524 00
Dog taxes uncollected Nov. 2, 1876,	33 00
Cash on hand to balance,	5529 68
	<hr/> \$28852 59

Taxes collected to Sept. 1, 1876, at 7 per cent.,	\$12218 87
Taxes collected to Nov. 1, 1876, at 5 per cent.,	2422 96
Taxes uncollected Nov. 20, 1876, and transfered to selectmen,	2524 00
	<hr/> \$17165 83

Dog tax collected,	\$61 00
Dog tax uncollected Nov. 20, 1876, and transfered to selectmen,	33 00
	<hr/> \$94 00

SAMUEL N. PORTER, Treasurer.

COLLECTORS' REPORT.

CHARLES SCOTT, Collector, in account with the Selectmen.

DR.

To uncollected tax list March 1, 1876,	\$1856 43
Dog tax,	52 00
Interest collected,	4 13
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	\$1912 56

CR.

By uncollected tax list May 13, 1876,	\$1185 97
Dog tax,	43 00
Abatements,	18 02
Collecting,	27 34
Cash paid treasurer,	638 23
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	\$1912 56

CHARLES SCOTT, Collector.

T. P. AMES, Collector, in account with the Selectmen.

DR.

To uncollected tax list May 13, 1876,	\$1999 05
Dog tax,	81 00
List of taxes Nov. 20, 1876,	2524 00
Dog tax,	33 00
Interest,	23 42
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	\$4660 47

CR.

By uncollected tax list March 1, 1877,	\$1853 23
Dog tax,	76 00
Discount,	17 44
Collecting,	138 32
Cash paid treasurer,	2338 04
Abatements,	237 44
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	\$4660 47

T. P. AMES, Collector.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

A. FULLER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

Dr.

Invoice of farm, stock, &c., Feb. 1, 1876:	
Farm,	\$3600 00
Stock, tools, &c.,	3057 36
J. Clement's salary,	375 00
Taxes,	52 14
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	\$7084 50

Cr.

Invoice of farm, stock, &c., Feb. 1, 1877:	
Farm,	3600 00
Stock,	1295 00
Hay and fodder,	430 00
Produce and provisions,	542 82
Furniture,	218 18
Tools,	437 13
Debts due the farm,	240 46
Labor on pest house,	27 75
Keeping ninety-four tramps,	72 25
For produce sold,	140 86
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	\$7004 45
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Balance against the farm.	80 05

A. FULLER, in account with the Town.

Dr.

Cash of treasurer,	\$375 00
Cash of farm,	140 46
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	\$515 46

Cr.

By paid Clement's salary,	\$375 00
For A. Bingham,	30 12
Board of J. Longley Spofford,	30 00
Dr. D. B. Cutter's bill,	2 00
French's bill,	2 50
Dr. J. H. Cutler's bill,	2 00
M. A. Smith's bill,	6 00
Dublin tax,	2 86
Paid for tramps,	17 75
A. Fuller, overseer of poor,	40 00
Cash on hand,	7 23
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	\$515 46

A. FULLER, Overseer of Poor.

We, the undersigned, auditors of accounts, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Collector, Overseer of Poor and Town Farm, High School Committee, and Committee on Town Library, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

JAMES SCOTT,	} Auditors.
M. L. MORRISON,	
W. G. LIVINGSTON,	

Peterboro', March 5, 1877.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
PETERBORO', N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1878.

PETERBORO' :

PRINTED AT THE "TRANSCRIPT" PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1878.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee—O. A. Willey, L. P. Wilson, J. B. Piper.

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

This school has not enjoyed as high a degree of prosperity during the year as we should be glad to report. During the spring and fall terms it was under the instruction of Miss E. L. Fairbanks, of whom it is due to say that she is thoroughly educated and an industrious and conscientious teacher. She went into the school, however, under unfavorable circumstances. A long tried and much loved teacher had been removed, contrary to the wishes of the scholars and a large number of the parents, whose antipathies were therefore excited, and who steadfastly did about the worst possible. Instead of accepting the situation as they should have done, the scholars allowed their affection for the old teacher to manifest itself by unscholarlike treatment of the new one; and parents encouraged them in this by unfriendly and reprehensible criticism. Let the blame rest where it belongs. In our judgment there was no just reason why the former teacher should be removed. But after she had been displaced and another had come in to succeed her, it was the plain duty of the scholars to acquiesce, and of the parents to sympathise and encourage. At the closing examinations the scholars showed that they had been instructed well. Under such circumstances, with constant annoyance in front, and exposed to an in-

cessant fire in the rear, we feel that Miss Fairbanks deserves credit for having done so much rather than censure for having achieved so little.

The winter term of this school was under the instruction of Mr. C. H. Knight. Mr. Knight is a good scholar, a gentleman in demeanor, and a very competent instructor. By widely prevailing understanding, however, he went into the school for the wrong purpose. By some means the impression became current that he was placed there not primarily to instruct, but to make the scholars mind. The scholars accepted his coming as a challenge, and decided in spirit to mind if he made them, but not otherwise. *He made them mind*; but to do this he was obliged to devote too large a portion of his energies. We were, on the whole, pleased with the closing examination; yet it was very apparent that much more might have been accomplished had the teacher been differently received, or could he have upheld his authority by less rigorous methods. In all this we intend no adverse reflection upon Mr. Knight, whose simple, cardinal aim was to perform his whole duty. We are convinced that the lack of results was not due to want of efficiency or painstaking on his part, but to the circumstances under which he labored, which compelled him to make himself first the master, and after that the instructor of his pupils. We would heartily recommend Mr. Knight to any committee desirous of obtaining a thoroughly qualified, industrious and firm-handed teacher.

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. H. A. Pierce, who had very successfully taught Reduction Descending in the upper school, was herself reduced to this one at the beginning of the year. This school had previously been in a somewhat disordered condition. Her firm yet kindly and judicious management, however, soon brought it to a very high order of discipline which she maintained through two terms of very successful and well appreciated service. At the end of the second term she was promoted, not to the charge of another school but of a home, where I suppose we must hereafter look for her. In thus parting with her from the school room, it is pleasant to remember her five years of faithful and successful service.

Mrs. Pierce was succeeded in this school by her sister, Miss Abbie C. Robbe, who kept up its discipline and showed us the results of her work in a most excellent examination. We have rarely seen this school present a better appearance. Having had a long acquaintance with Miss Robbe in the school room, where she has never disappointed us, we feel bound to recommend her to any one seeking a hard working and successful teacher.

THIRD DEPARTMENT.

Teacher, Miss Fannie S. Washburn. A most excellent teacher is Miss Washburn for this school, and we are very happy to recommend her services another year in this department, where we hope she may be long retained.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee—Albert W. Noone.

There was two terms in this district during the past year, both under the charge of Miss Julia M. Buckminster. Miss Buckminster labored hard and with some degree of success. Her first term went on quite prosperously and the examination was very satisfactory. The second term she encountered considerable difficulty from some larger boys, who not only made her task more difficult but did serious injury to the school, Three of these were expelled by the committee. While the closing examination was not without merit the influence of this disorder was very plainly manifest.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee—Henry Knight.

Teacher, summer and fall terms, Miss Mary E. Buckminster. This is one of our most experienced and successful teachers. An excellent scholar and a good disciplinarian, Miss Buckminster handled this school in a most satisfactory manner, and gave thorough instruction. Good progress was evinced at the examinations, which were witnessed by a large number of visitors from the district.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee—S. P. Longley.

Two terms as usual in this district, and both under the instruction of Miss Clara A. Cross. Miss Cross was without previous experience as a teacher, and in teaching, as in other forms of employment, people must learn their art before they achieve a high order of success. The first term the teacher proved herself worthy of employment the second, and if she will go on improving as rapidly by her future experience there are certainly laurels for her winning. Taking cognizance only of manners and methods, we should hardly have recognized the second term the teacher we had met the first. We would not say to Miss Cross, go on to perfection, for that is a very long way. We would say, however, go on.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee—Charles H. Varnum.

Teacher, both terms, Miss Florence A. Baldwin. This school was under good discipline, and received good instruction under the same teacher as last year, and we think it will be for the interest of the school that Miss Baldwin be retained for another year as teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee—Charles Fosdick.

Teacher, summer term, Tryphena P. Tenney. This school hardly met with success, though the teacher labored hard, against a strong prejudice of the scholars, to do well.

Teacher, winter term, Mr. Wm. N. Cragin. This was one of the very best of our schools for the year. Mr. Cragin is a fine scholar and an apt teacher, and succeeded in awakening a good degree of interest among the scholars, to do the best possible. This teacher is well fitted to take charge of one of our most advanced schools.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee—George W. Ames.

This district was so fortunate as to employ for the whole year Miss Abbie C. Morse of Concord. We are confident that we have never seen this school in better hands. The order of her room was excellent, her methods of instruction far better than we are accustomed to find. Her instruction was not of the kind that shows only on the surface, but was thorough and substantial.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee—Joel Hadley.

Teacher, first and second terms, Miss Mary C. Parker. As last year, Miss Parker met with most excellent success, in the care of this school.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee—Ira A. Spofford.

Miss Emma R. Smith has had charge of this school during the year and has given very satisfactory services. Miss Smith is quiet yet winning in her manners, a very just disciplinarian and a very conscientious instructor. At the beginning of this year the scholars of this district raised by entertainments money enough to secure an unabridged dictionary, a globe and a very beautiful set of wall maps. These have added greatly to the school and we wish that other districts would by some means make the same provisions.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee—John S. Stearns.

Teacher for the winter and only term, Miss Mary E. Stoughton. This school was under the care of a young lady of excellent scholarship. The school made good progress and was one of the best of our small schools. This teacher is well qualified for a more advanced school.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee—Joshua Richardson.

Teacher first and second terms, Miss Mary C. Parker. This teacher has qualifications that fit her to have the care of the young. The school made commendable progress and the examinations were satisfactory.

HIGH SCHOOL.

We are pleased to report the satisfactory condition of this school. When Mr. Cornish left it last summer we feared we might not be able to secure a teacher who would hold it up to the high standard to which he had raised it.. The new principal, Mr. Tilton, however, is not the man to allow decline or deterioration. His thorough scholarship, his hard work, his enthusiasm, make him one of the most valuable instructors our town has ever known. We wish some of our other teachers would take notice of his example and study his methods. The teacher who regularly spends four or five hours an evening in special preparation for a work he might judge himself in advance reasonably well qualified to perform, is not likely to do inefficient service.

REMARKS.

The schools of the town have met with their usual success the past year, and though not what could be desired, still give promise, at least, of something better in the future.

The influence of the High School upon the common schools of the town is marked and beneficial.

If only the suggestions given in the report of last year could be carried into effect, we should witness a great advance in our schools.

Some of the schools suffer from the want of more punctual attendance of the scholars, and some from the lack of securing the best possible teachers.

Let us all, parents, scholars and teachers labor with greater zeal to make our schools more worthy the times and their opportunities.

GEO. DUSTAN,	}	Superintending and High School Committee.
A. W. JACKSON,		

TABULAR VIEW OF SUMMER AND FALL
SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.														
1	Miss E. L. Fairbanks.	1042	30	42	41	..	42	28	27	14	14	..	3	2	26	\$28
1	Miss E. L. Fairbanks.	1035	31	35	35	12	35	26	33	..	12	..	6	2	37	32
2	Mrs. H. A. Pierce.	1041	34	41	41	38	41	..	41	..	..	..	2	221	32	00
2	Mrs. H. A. Pierce.	1041	39	41	41	41	41	..	41	..	..	..	2	324	32	00
3	Miss F. S. Washburn.	1059	47	52	52	7	37	..	7	..	..	..	2	136	28	00
3	Miss F. S. Washburn.	1056	46	56	56	15	35	..	5	..	..	..	4	135	28	00
3	Miss J. M. Buckminster.	1218	16	18	18	15	17	7	14	10	5	..	2	34	24	00
2	Miss J. M. Buckminster.	1015	13	15	15	5	9	3	7	4	1	..	2	17	22	00
4	Miss Clara A. Cross.	8	9	9	9	8	8	4	7	..	3	..	2	..	1	20
4	Miss F. A. Baldwin.	6	12	10	12	12	7	7	3	3	..	..	1	..	6	21
5	Tryphena P. Tenney.	721	20	23	23	10	18	7	8	..	5	..	3	2	7	22
6	Miss A. C. Morse.	1020	19	19	19	12	15	6	8	..	1	1	2	336	24	00
7	Miss M. C. Parker.	9	4	3	4	4	2	2	1	2	..	..	1	116	16	00
8	Miss E. R. Smith.	1029	26	29	29	5	22	10	22	10	14	..	2	30	26	00
9	Miss E. R. Smith.	831	37	31	31	12	23	9	12	6	2	..	2	..	15	28
10	Miss M. C. Parker.	8	8	7	8	8	2	5	2	4	2	2	2	1	26	17
11	Miss M. C. Parker.	2	1	26	17	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	26	17

TABULAR VIEW OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.																
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	{ 1 2 3	Mr. C. H. Knight.....	1137	32	37	37	..	37	26	20	36	8	222	5	632	\$38 00		
		Miss Abbie C. Robbe.....	1139	33	39	39	10	39	..	39	..	10	..	..	4	617	32 00
		Miss F. S. Washburn.....	1145	35	45	45	10	27	..	10	..	..	..	..	2	549	32 00
		Miss J. M. Buckminster.....	1142	21	19	22	22	6	21	10	14	12	5	4	35	26 00
		Miss M. E. Buckminster.....	1116	15	16	16	6	13	5	13	6	1	..	..	1	118	26 00
		Miss Clara A. Cross.....	917	15	17	14	9	15	6	11	..	1	..	..	2	..	20 00
		Miss F. A. Baldwin.....	918	14	18	18	9	13	3	4	..	1	..	..	2	..	20 00
		Mr. William N. Cragin.....	1226	22	26	26	15	22	7	7	..	4	3	..	11	30	00	
		Miss A. C. Morse.....	1120	17	20	19	14	17	6	8	..	4	..	..	2	214	24 00
		Miss A. C. Parker.....	84	4	4	4	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	117	32 00
		Miss E. R. Smith.....	1021	19	21	21	14	16	7	9	6	..	..	..	3	9	32 00
Miss M. E. Stoughton.....	12	9	6	9	7	7	4	7	2	..	..	..	1	214	16 00		
Miss M. C. Parker.....	8	7	7	7	7	4	5	1	3	..	..	..	2	19	17 00		
Length of school in weeks.			1137	32	37	37	..	37	26	20	36	8	222	5	632	\$38 00		
Number of scholars.			1139	33	39	39	10	39	..	39	..	10	..	..	4	617	32 00
Average attendance.			1145	35	45	45	10	27	..	10	..	..	..	2	549	32 00	
Pupils in Reading.			1142	21	19	22	22	6	21	10	14	12	5	..	4	35	26 00	
Spelling.			1116	15	16	16	6	13	5	13	6	1	..	1	118	26 00		
Penmanship.			917	15	17	14	9	15	6	11	..	1	..	2	..	20 00		
Arithmetic.			918	14	18	18	9	13	3	4	..	1	..	2	..	20 00		
Grammar.			1226	22	26	26	15	22	7	7	..	4	3	..	11	30	00	
Geography.			1120	17	20	19	14	17	6	8	..	4	..	..	2	214	24 00
Composition.			84	4	4	4	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	1	117	32 00	
History.			1021	19	21	21	14	16	7	9	6	..	..	3	9	32 00	
Book-Keeping.			12	9	6	9	7	7	4	7	2	..	..	1	214	16 00	
Other Studies.			8	7	7	7	7	4	5	1	3	..	..	2	19	17 00	
Visits by S. S. Committee.			1137	32	37	37	..	37	26	20	36	8	222	5	632	\$38 00		
Visits by Prudential Committee.			1139	33	39	39	10	39	..	39	..	10	..	..	4	617	32 00
Visits by Others.			1145	35	45	45	10	27	..	10	..	..	..	2	549	32 00	
Wages of teachers per month.			1142	21	19	22	22	6	21	10	14	12	5	..	4	35	26 00	

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

High School in account with the town of Peterboro',
March 1, 1878.

DR.

To money on hand March 1, 1877,	\$ 453 30
Money received of town,	1250 00
Money received for tuition,	77 00
Money received on diplomas,	12 00
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	\$1792 30

CR.

By salary paid principal,	\$ 975 00
Salary paid assistant,	144 00
Rent of academy,	100 00
Fuel, and care of academy,	52 00
Incidentals,	41 30
Money on hand,	480 00
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	\$1792 30

GEORGE DUSTAN, for Committee.

TOWN LIBRARY REPORT.

Books reported last year,	3828
Books purchased,	52
Books presented by Miss Mary A. Washburn,	10
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	3890
Thrown out as worthless,	51
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	3839

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$ 35 02
Appropriation for 1877,	115 00
Appropriation for catalogues,	150 00
Fines,	13 90
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	\$313 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Farnum & Scott, for printing catalogues,	\$100 00
George Dustan, for work on catalogues,	25 00
A. W. Jackson, for work on catalogues,	25 00
For books,	108 72
Repair of books,	28 25
Covering paper,	6 00
Travel,	4 00
Express,	50
Packing-box,	20
Lights, stationery, etc.,	5 44
Cleaning library room,	75
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	\$303 86
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$ 10 06

GEO. DUSTAN, }
 A. W. JACKSON, } Library Committee.
 F. G. CLARKE, }

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

RENDERED MARCH 1, 1878.

Money in treasury March 1, 1878,	\$ 5,529 68	96 76
Amount of tax list put into treasurer's hands, 1878,	17,539 54	4 7
Dog tax,	78 00	4 18
Circus,	20 00	13 20
Savings Bank tax,	3,356 48	8 5
Railroad tax,	12 72	3 5
Literary fund,	165 98	2 9
Insurance tax,	112 50	
Rent of Smith Brothers,	375 00	
Rent of upper hall,	52 00	
Grass sold in cemetery,	5 00	
Rent of T. D. Winch,	50 00	
Rent of John R. Miller,	225 00	
Sale of cemetery lot,	42 00	
Rent of town hall,	30 00	
Borrowed money,	19,110 00	
C. H. Brooks, for bridge plank,	1 00	
Interest on deposits,	150 00	
From Overseer of Poor,	100 00	
Cash of Collector,	2,348 32	
Jaquith for rent,	50 00	
	—————	\$49,353 22

T. P. AMES in account with 'Town of Peterboro'.

DE.

March 1, 1877, To uncollected tax list,	\$1853 23	5-18
Uncollected dog tax list,	76 00	
May 9, Poll and non-resident tax,	389 65	
Dog tax,	32 00	
Dec. 18, List of taxes from town,	1631 02	
Dog tax,	23 00	
Highway tax,	229 87	
	—————	\$4234 77

CR.

By cash paid treasurer,	\$2348 32	13 25
Abatements,	194 14	
Wm. H. Parker's tax,	10 96	
Expense on the above,	2 00	
Collecting taxes to date,	119 32	
Error on settlement of March, '77,	37 93	
Advertising and selling real estate in '76-7,	10 00	
Harriet Nelson, note,	15 40	
Wm. Russell's note,	20 00	
Uncollected taxes,	1418 70	
Uncollected dog tax,	58 00	
	—————	\$4234 77

SCHOOLS.

Charles H. Varnum,	\$31 50	
Joshua Richardson,	38 00	
Charles A. Fosdick,	38 50	
George W. Ames,	60 00	
S. P. Longley,	45 00	
O. A. Willey,	300 00	
Henry Knight,	85 00	
Joel Hadley,	35 00	
A. W. Noone,	85 00	
Ira A. Spofford,	65 00	
George W. Ames,	70 58	
George Dustan,	400 00	
S. P. Longley,	46 14	
Owen A. Willey,	280 00	
Joel Hadley,	43 36	
Ira A. Spofford,	60 00	
Charles H. Varnum,	53 90	
John C. Wilkins,	3 95	
George Dustan,	400 00	
J. S. Stearns,	57 50	
Henry Knight,	62 26	
Charles A. Fosdick,	93 67	
Joshua Richardson,	39 06	
A. W. Noone,	73 12	
A. W. Noone,	12 10	
O. A. Willey,	352 78	
Ira A. Spofford,	130 06	
George Dustan,	450 00	
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		\$3391 48

LIBRARY.

G. A. Lynch,	\$ 25 00	
A. Fuller,	7 81	
G. A. Lynch,	25 00	
A. W. Jackson,	150 00	
A. W. Jackson,	115 00	
G. A. Lynch,	25 00	
Frank G. Clarke,	13 50	
G. A. Lynch,	25 00	
C. H. Brooks,	9 00	
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		\$395 31

STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

Farnum & Scott,	\$75 25	
J. H. Steele,	14 00	
Farnum & Scott,	11 00	
J. H. Steele,	16 72	
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		\$116 97

BOUNTIES ON FOXES AND HAWKS.

Bounties on foxes and hawks,	\$6 30
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HIGHWAYS.

I. G. Peasley,	\$17 00
Cyrus Blanchard,	3 84
Townsend & Lovejoy,	21 30
John M. Collins,	2 25
Asa Davis,	46 61
Charles H. Varnum,	7 00

George W. Ames,	7 80	
B. F. Bailey & Son,	19 52	
George W. Ames,	17 58	
M. Beggs,	11 25	
Rufus Forbush,	75	
Wm. L. Baldwin,	20 10	
John Ramsey,	1 20	
B. Hamnil,	9 72	
Asa Davis,	2 50	
B. F. Bailey & Son,	57 40	
Charles H. Varnum,	10 75	
B. W. Crosby,	21 60	
W. S. Treadwell,	2 25	
James Smiley,	25 88	
John McCoy,	2 33	
A. Davis,	2 80	
Frank Field,	20 64	
Ira A. Spofford,	47 55	
G. P. Felt,	1 50	
W. H. Wilson,	2 60	
G. W. Ames,	4 70	
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		\$388 42

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

J. M. Mears,	\$4 00
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BRIDGES AND RAILING.

George W. Ames,	\$ 2 75
Dennis O'Keefe,	40 48
T. P. Ames,	12 20
Thomas Nichols,	8 60
William D. Goss,	6 52
Charles Tarbell,	33 78
Charles Wilder,	76 00
George W. Ames,	5 55
William D. Goss,	4 50
Lovell Robbins,	7 95
A. Townsend,	8 85
Charles Wilder,	22 18
Mrs. E. A. Robbe,	25 00
George W. Ames,	7 13
M. Beggs,	6 75
Wm. L. Baldwin,	3 50
A. T. Hovey,	3 25
Ira A. Spofford,	35 00
J. H. Vose,	11 75
W. D. Goss,	4 17
W. Moore,	36 00
Isaac Hadley,	4 50
John Cragin,	58 60
E. A. Robbins,	10 40
John Cragin,	39 00
Charles E. Jaquith,	1 82
John Upton,	19 63
Ira A. Spofford,	28 50
George W. Farrar,	22 94
John O. Nay,	6 00
A. Townsend,	5 95
John Cragin,	2 13
William Russell,	34 01

Joshua Richardson,
Isaac G. Peaslee,

3 50
5 00

\$603 89

GROVE.

L. Robbins,
S. Tenney,
Charles E. Jaquith,

\$ 4 05
3 81
11 86

\$19 72

SNOW BILLS.

John Alexander,
Charles Tarbell,
George H. Longley,
B. F. Bailey,
Daniel Eades,
John S. Treadwell,
William D. Goss,
W. L. Baldwin,
W. S. Treadwell,
Ira A. Spofford,
John D. Dimond,
B. Hammil,
Henry Fields,
Henry Knight,
I. G. Peaslee,
Frank Conda,
F. A. Tarbell,
Dalphon Osborn,
John O. Nay,
Charles H. Varnum,
John Q. Adams,
Samuel W. Vose,
Cyrus Blanchard,
Townsend & Lovejoy,
B. W. Crosby,
Charles F. Bruce,
A. O. Smith,
George W. Ames,
A. M. Kimball,
S. D. Robbe,
C. M. Moore,
John Cragin,
Franklin Fields,
I. M. White,
C. H. Brooks,
J. W. Macomber,
Asa Davis,
Joshua Richardson,

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26 54
65 54
63 29
25 00
16 50
1 81
35 00
43 90
3 00
55 84
3 32
3 00
8 80

\$889 31

CEMETERY.

O. A. Willey,

\$23 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

G. P. Felt,
Frank G. Clarke, agent,
J. F. Noone,
Lorenzo Holt,
E. A. Robbins,

\$275 00
43 05
20 70
3 00
41 95

J. F. Noone,	22 59	
J. R. Miller,	2 50	
Aquarius Engine Company,	180 91	
Frank G. Clarke,	18 75	
Deluge Fire Company,	76 24	
S. S. Hardy,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$688 69

TOWN HOUSE.

Scott & Clarke, insurance,	\$18 75	
A. Fuller,	4 45	
Scott & Clarke, insurance,	67 50	
Daniel M. White,	20 25	
George W. Marden,	18 75	
Daniel M. White,	13 50	
Smith Bros.,	2 31	
A. Fuller,	36 75	
George W. Marden,	7 55	
George W. Conant,	10 50	
C. H. Brooks,	4 70	
Charles E. Jaquith,	31 03	
L. P. Wilson,	84 51	
C. H. Brooks,	3 50	
C. A. Jaquith,	3 33	
	<hr/>	\$327 38

RETURNING BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Dr. M. A. Kimball,	\$ 1 00	
Dr. Willard D. Chase,	10 75	
Dr. J. H. Cutler,	5 00	
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RAILROAD GRATUITY.

Monadnock Railroad,	2,500 00	
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INCIDENTALS.

Lorenzo Holt,	\$ 15 75	
Owen A. Willey, sexton,	109 00	
Daniel M. White,	50 00	
F. G. Clarke, Fish case,	50 00	
Webster & Caldwell (damages),	35 00	
Aaron F. Stevens,	37 00	
Wm. Moore, expenses,	12 20	
Unitarian Society,	15 00	
George H. Longley, advertising,	2 25	
John Rourke,	3 25	
Samuel I. Vose,	5 00	
H. K. French,	1 50	
George H. Longley,	2 00	
J. R. Miller,	2 49	
F. G. Clarke,	17 85	
E. M. Smith,	7 70	
J. H. Steele,	1 25	
D. Smiley, care town clock,	30 00	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

A. Fuller,	\$ 25 00	
Samuel I. Vose,	71 00	
C. H. Brooks,	91 00	
William Moore,	75 50	
S. N. Porter, Treasurer,	100 00	
J. H. Steele, Clerk,	43 04	
George Dustan, S. S. Committee,	60 00	
Police,	25 00	
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POOR AND POOR FARM.

A. Fuller,	\$375 00	
A. Fuller,	100 00	
A. W. Noone,	5 00	
C. H. Brooks,	9 25	
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STREET LAMPS.

O. A. Willey,	\$42 10	
O. A. Willey,	46 80	
O. A. Willey,	9 64	
A. Fuller,	14 65	
O. A. Willey,	11 42	
John Rourke,	17 10	
A. Fuller,	42 94	
John Rourke,	36 10	
John Rourke,	20 60	
A. Fuller,	53 78	
John Rourke,	18 50	
John Rourke,	13 75	
	<hr/>	\$327 38

RECAPITULATION.

High school,	\$ 1250 00	
District schools,	2141 48	
Town Library,	395 31	
Stationery and printing,	116 97	
Bounty on foxes and hawks,	6 30	
Highways,	388 42	
Bridges and railings,	603 89	
Grove,	19 72	
Snow bills,	889 31	
Cemetery,	23 25	
Fire department,	688 69	
Town house,	327 38	
Returning births and deaths,	16 75	
Railroad gratuity,	22500 00	
Incidentals,	397 24	
Town officers,	490 54	
Poor and poor farm,	489 25	
Street lamps,	327 38	
Sheep killed by dogs,	4 00	
Abatements,	96 67	
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ABATEMENTS.

Charles C. Elliott,	\$1 49	Thomas L. Beckwith,	1 36
Daniel H. Gould,	1 49	Byron H. Butterfield,	1 37
Prentis W. Greenwood,	1 49	Martin Egan,	1 37
Charles Hart,	1 49	Fife girls,	4 11
Foster S. Batchelder,	3 98	Timothy Farnsworth,	1 37
Joseph C. Parsons,	1 46	E. W. Goldthwait,	1 36
Samuel Arnold,	1 46	Hodgman & Butterfield,	90
Charles Bashaw,	1 43	Robert M. McGilvray,	1 00
Peter Carlton,	1 46	Frank G. Smith,	1 37
John Cochran,	1 46	Jane and David Steele,	2 05
Francisco Detoni,	2 46	Frank P. Steele,	1 37
Geo. A. Dunbar,	1 46	Wm. H. Pritchard,	7 00
A. Z. Fuller,	1 46	John H. Cutler,	12 64
W. W. H. Greenwood,	1 46	Samuel W. Taggart,	1 37
James M. Hastings,	1 00	Geo. Collins,	5 10
Andrew Hildreth,	1 46	James P. Blair,	1 40
Chas. H. Howe,	1 46	John Cragin,	28 09
Daniel Mason,	1 46	Goodyear Bassett,	3 42
Chas. C. Munson,	1 46	Samuel Converse,	4 22
Thomas P. Maryatt,	1 46	Moses Gowing,	2 75
Thomas Murray,	2 46	Michael Meegan,	2 81
James C. Needham,	2 46	Daniel M. Spline,	93
James B. Pierce,	1 46	Silas Barber,	13 70
William Smith,	1 46	Frank G. Templeton,	4 52
Charles H. Wilcox,	2 95	G. B. Gilchrest,	1 37
Lewis H. Woods,	1 46	Benjamin L. Winn,	1 37
Charles Whitney,	1 46	Cyrus Frost,	11 98
Francisco Detoni,	2 36	Cyrus Blanchard,	1 00
William Devin,	1 36	Wm. Devin,	1 37
John H. Daley,	1 36	Prentis W. Greenwood,	1 46
William Dorman,	2 36	Benjamin Emerson,	1 46
Henry Ecle,	3 36	Geo. R. Dale,	1 36
Charles Lawrence,	1 36	Shubael J. Pierce,	1 36
James E. Lewis,	1 36	Charles Gardiner,	1 36
Mrs. Charles Methley,	2 72	Geo. A. Moody,	1 37
Robert M. McGilvray,	1 00	Fred Taggart,	1 37
Charles S. Mitchell,	1 36	Cynthia Frost,	2 05
James E. Peabody,	1 36	Fred Tenney,	1 37
Lewis Gurnsey,	1 36	Peterboro' Town Farm,	51 24
Frank Fitzpatrick,	1 36	William H. Gould,	6 12
Thomas Siddle,	1 36	Nahum A. Child,	2 00
William Smith,	1 36	B. B. & G. Railroad,	18 27
Samuel Taylor,	1 36	Joseph C. Parsons,	1 36
Lewis H. Woods,	2 36	Otis Hubbard,	2 00
Isaac F. Walker,	1 36	James Leslie,	1 36
John P. Ramsey,	1 36	William Dorman,	1 37
Frank G. Smith,	3 05		

\$300 53

LIABILITIES OF TOWN MARCH 1, 1878.

Old town bonds,	\$30,500 00
Interest on same,	300 00
Railroad bonds,	27,900 00
Interest on same,	697 50
Borrowed money,	19,110 00
Interest on same,	150 00
Jackson Clement's salary,	300 00
Outstanding coupons,	598 00
Services of Superintending School Committee,	60 00
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ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes,	\$1418 70
Dog tax,	58 00
Money in Treasury,	1178 60
United States bounties	1178 34
Town house,	16000 00
Town farm,	3600 00
Stock on farm,	1179 75
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	\$24613 39

CHARLES H. BROOKS,	} Selectmen of Peterboro'.
WILLIAM MOORE,	
SAMUEL I. VOSE,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Received balance from 1877,	\$ 5529 68
From selectmen,	20060 00
From collector,	2348 32
Savings bank tax,	3356 48
Railroad tax,	12 72
Insurance fund,	112 50
Literary fund,	165 98
Tax list for 1877,	17539 54
Dog tax for 1877,	78 00
Interest on deposits,	150 00
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CR.

By paid State tax,	\$ 3876 00
County tax,	2209 03
Orders of selectmen,	31138 61
Interest coupons,	3720 00
Town bonds,	4500 00
Discount on taxes collected at 7 per cent.,	881 48
Discount on taxes collected at 5 per cent.,	164 28
Taxes abated at 7 per cent.,	32 94
Dog tax abated,	1 00
Taxes uncollected Dec. 20th,	1628 28
Dog taxes uncollected Dec. 20th,	23 00
Cash on hand to balance,	1178 60
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Taxes collected to Sept. 1, at 7 per cent.,	\$12625 63
Taxes collected to Dec. 1, at 5 per cent.,	3285 63
Taxes uncollected Dec. 20, and transferred to selectmen,	1628 28
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Dog tax collected,	\$54 00
Dog tax uncollected and transferred to selectmen,	23 00
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SAMUEL N. PORTER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

A. FULLER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FARM.

Dr.

Invoice of farm, stock, etc., Feb. 1, 1877.	
Farm,	\$3600 00
Stock, tools, etc.,	3162 31
J. Clement's salary,	300 00
Taxes,	51 24

\$7113 55

Cr.

Invoice of farm, stock, etc., Feb. 1, 1878.	
Farm,	\$3600 00
Stock,	1179 75
Hay and fodder,	403 25
Produce and provisions,	432 46
Furniture,	195 95
Tools,	378 00
Debts due the farm,	61 00
Keeping 124 tramps,	92 00
Cash for stock and produce sold,	\$1055.68
Less paid for labor, provision, etc.,	664.48
	389 20

Balance, \$6731 61

Balance against the farm, \$381 94

A. FULLER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

Dr.

Cash of treasurer,	\$475 00
Cash of farm,	389 20

\$864 20

Cr.

By paid J. Clement's salary,	\$375 00
Paid selectmen,	100 00
J. Longley Spofford's bills,	104 25
Dublin,	2 75
For tramps,	190 75
Repairing tramp house,	19 20
A. Fuller, agent,	40 00
Scott & Clarke's bill,	4 00
Cash on hand,	28 25

\$864 20

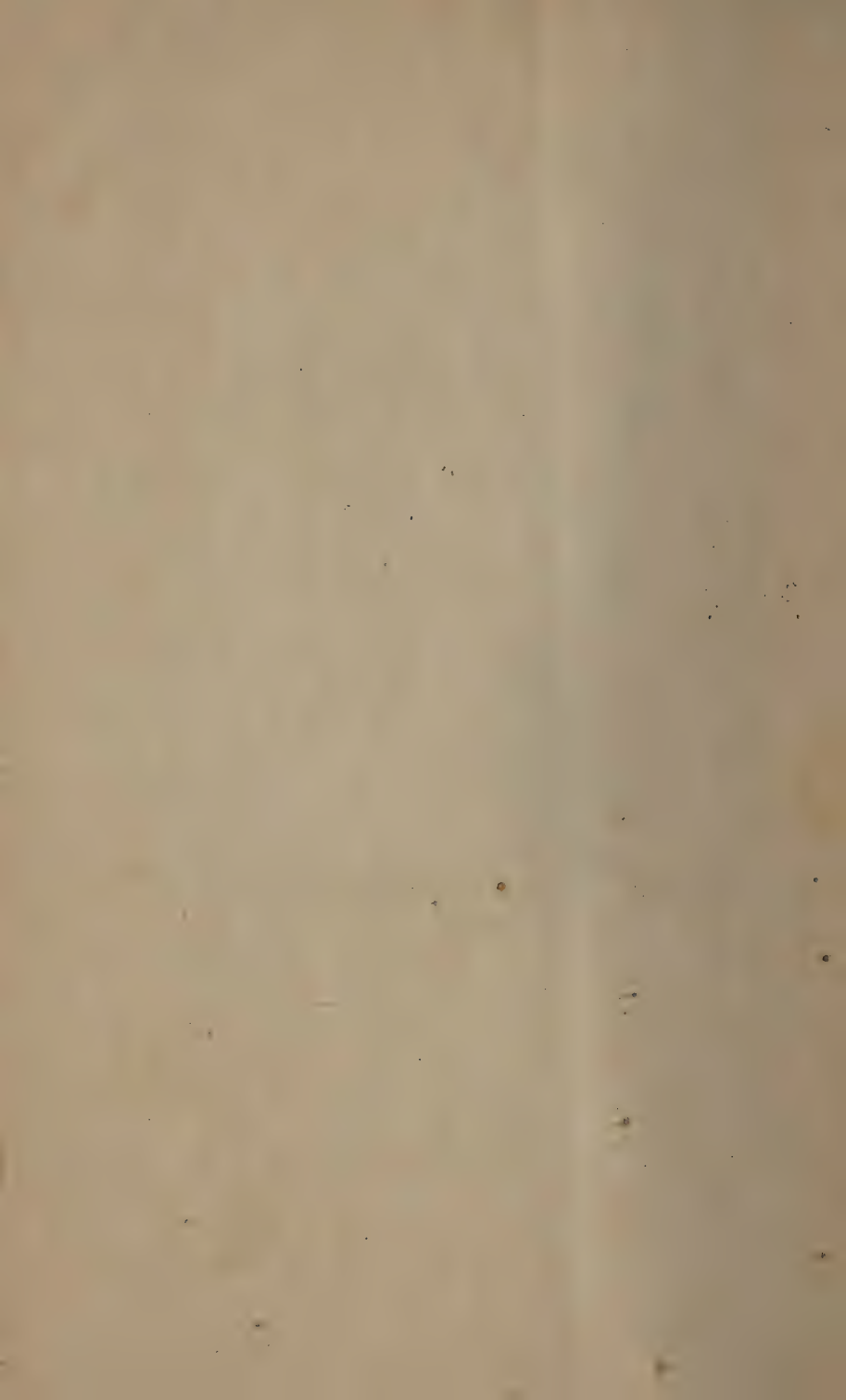
A. FULLER, Overseer of the Poor.

We, the undersigned, auditors of accounts, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Collector, Overseer of the Poor and Town Farm, High School Committee and Committee on Town Library, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

JAMES SCOTT,	} Auditors.
M. L. MORRISON,	
W. G. LIVINGSTON,	

Peterboro', March 5, 1878.





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